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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: IDENTIFYING DRUGS FOR AND
DIAGNOSIS OF BENIGN PROSTATIC
HYPERPLASIA USING GENE
EXPRESSION PROFILES

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 22, 28, 47 and 48 as follows:

1.(amended) A method of screening for or identifying an agent that modulates the onset or progression of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), comprising:

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- (a) preparing a first gene expression profile of BPH cells or BPH-like cell population;
 - (b) exposing the cells to the agent;
 - (c) preparing a second gene expression profile of the agent exposed cells; and
 - (d) comparing the first and second gene expression profiles.

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6.(amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the BPH cell is selected from the group consisting of prostate cells from a BPH patient, a cell line in Table 7 and a derivative thereof.